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Rick Ryan, SK - April 2017 swap meet

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 the Society has been dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of "Vintage Radio" and wireless equipment.

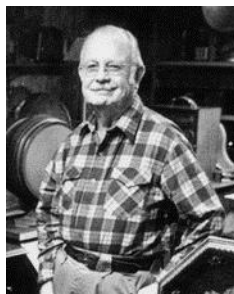
Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

The Call Letter has been a monthly publication since 1974. It was originated with the founder, Bob Bilbie, and our first president, Harley Perkins. Through several editors and with the assistance of numerous society members, the Call Letter has continued to be a publication that informs members of the society's business and that supports the hobby of collecting, preserving, and restoring vintage radios.

Society meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the Abernethy Grange Hall at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 9:30 AM for the purpose of displaying radios, conducting Society business, and exchanging information. Guests are welcome at all Society meetings and functions (except board meetings).

Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio shows, and radio sales which are advertised in the Call Letter and are held in and around Portland.

With each issue of the Call Letter, we remember Jim Mason, a charter member of the society who remained active until his death in 1999. A generous bequest from Jim's estate ensures the vitality of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, and continued publication of the Call Letter.



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On the Cover

Longtime member Rick Ryan, SK. Picture supplied by Dan Howard

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Announcements

January 2021 meeting - Sat. Dec.12 - Online, details in email

January 2021 Monthly Feature - Radios with a L in their name

January Tech Talk - None this month

January Tube of the Month - Ken-Rad tubes

Leads and Needs - The Swap Shop is for members' classified ads.

Ads are free and can either be permanent or temporary.

Editor's Note - Please have January Call Letter contributions in by Sunday, January 7. Articles & Ads welcome. (Tube labels too).

(No Calendar of Events this month due to cancellations)

Visit our web site at:

www.nwvrs.com

Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/nwvrs

President's Message for January 2021

Thanks everyone for being a member of NWVRS!

Because of COVID-19, the NWVRS Board elected to extend everyone who paid in 2020, a free membership through December 31st 2021.

Actually, some of you receiving this email have already sent in your dues, so you are covered through December 31st of 2022. Everyone else receiving this email have paid through December 31st, 2021.

2020 was a very difficult year and many members have dropped off for various reasons; fortunately we also have some new members joining in.

NWVRS 2020 Highlights:

2020 was a very challenging year for NWVRS. With the help of some of our many resources, we were able to continue to meet on-line with a product called Zoom. This was a detriment to members who did not have email or modern equipment such as a web enabled laptop or a Smartphone, but we felt it necessary to do something to keep NWVRS moving forward. Because of COVID-19, all members who paid in 2020 will receive membership in 2021 for free since we were not able to fully provide for our member's needs.

NWVRS Accomplishments for 2020:

Searchable text archive for all known NWVRS Call Letter publications (1975 thru 2019)

Local repository for NWVRS Call Letters in PDF format (1975 through current)

Radiola Guy's monthly feature

Radios For Sale on the NWVRS web site

Monthly on-line meetings with an Agenda using on-line software with Monthly Features

Tube of the month

Publish and distribute the Call Letter

New home for the NWVRS Archives

Club Website, Facebook and YouTube presence, Google and Yahoo email groups

Maintaining a financially responsible non-profit organization with yearly audits

Radio sale (Haugen estate – partial)

Radio auction (Holzswarth estate)

On-line radio auction (Hultine estate)
Electronic recycling through a Trash and Bash
Columbia Springs Repair Clinics repair of seven electronic items
NWVRS Members open house
NWVRS documentation
Reciprocal agreement with the Houston radio club

NWVRS Goals for 2021:

Find new NWVRS secretary
Implement new Meeting Schedule
Save the BS project (Battery Sets)
New Radio Primer
Created searchable data base for want lists
Continue NWVRS Open House
Implement Apprenticeship program
NWVRS Tributes of members both past and present
Allow dues payment through PayPal or other online venue

Thanks and take care, Pat

NWVRS Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2020

The December 2020 meeting of the NWVRS started at 9:30 AM. Members pledged allegiance to our nation's flag. Mike McCrow told the group that the Mill Ends store in Milwaukee has some good grill cloth fabrics. Bob Barrett needs a speaker for a Philco 20. Members that have paid their 2020 dues are automatically paid for year 2021 also. Pat reminded everyone to fill out and send in our survey. Pat would like to get information on what people are looking for and what they need so that he can make a search list that would help people find items. Robbie Robinson showed the group a Kenwood TM241 ham radio. Blake Dietze showed the group an Airline Radio Model 84KR1520B. Ozzie Osbourne showed the group a Knight-Kit Radio Broadcaster and Amplifier. John Livingston showed the group a TV. The November meeting minutes were approved by vote. Don Hanson needs more information for the Call Letter. The Tube of the Month is a Ken Rad. Mike McCrow showed the group a Ken-Rad 80. Ken-Rad was later included into GE. Members showed and discussed tubes from their collections.

Recorded by Secretary Liles Garcia

Tube of the Month: 1L6

by Mike McCrow

The 1L6 is primarily used as a pentagrid converter in Zenith transoceanic radios utilizing miniature tubes, and can be found in other applications such as Hallicrafters and RCA clones and was primarily used in low drain battery operated receivers, having a 1.4v filament @ 50 MA. The 1L6 can be found in TO's from the G500 in 1950 to the B600 of 1962. In 1938 the head of Zenith Eugene McDonald wanted to market a portable shortwave receiver. At that time the new 1.4 volt 50ma tubes had become available. By 1940 portable sets would become part of the Zenith line. Single band radios were tried, but tuning was problematic. After WWII the 8G005 TO was introduced. This set used an RF tower coil assembly with three coils. Antenna, Detector, and Oscillator using the 1LC6. Performance was not as good as the single band set. In 1947 production began using the 1LA6. This tube had a little bit lower transconductance, but much better plate resistance.

By 1949 Sylvania (Zeniths main tube supplier) offered a 1LA6 in miniature form, the 1L6. In 1950 the G-500 became the first all miniature shortwave portable. Advertised as providing 200 hours of use from the combined A/B long life batteries. Other models were introduced using marine bands, and different dial designs and other changes, but the basic oscillator/converter, and coil tower remained the same until the end of the tube production in 1963.

GRID LEAKS TRANSMITTING

UP-1719 (5 Watt).....\$1.10

UP-1718 (50 Watt).....\$1.65

RECEIVING

Aerovox makes three grades of grid leaks. In this very important item we handle only the best. AS AN ACCOMMODATION WE WILL, ON RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT FOR THREE LEAKS, SEND THREE FOR TRIAL. THE ONE MOST SUITED MAY BE KEPT AND THE TWO OTHERS RETURNED AND WE WILL THEN REFUND DEPOSIT FOR TWO.

AEROVOX GRID LEAKS, 1-4-10 Megohms, each.....\$0.50

AEROVOX GRI DLEAKS, 50 000 and 100,000 ohms, each.... .60

From "THE HAM CATALOG", the Ham Shop
Ruston Louisiana, 1925 (via Hue Miller)



Rick Ryan (blue vest) at the April 2017 NWVRS swap meet

“He Really Loved the NWVRS” - a Tribute to Rick Ryan

Following the recent news of Rick’s Ryan’s passing, several of his many NVRS friends contributed memories for this tribute.

Richard “Rick” Ryan was born in 1957 in Southern California and moved to Oregon as a child. He celebrated his 63rd birthday not long before his passing this fall. Rick leaves behind one daughter and three grandchildren as well as two brothers and three sisters. His family meant very much to him and he was especially close to his daughter and her family.

Following his father’s passing about twenty years ago, Rick became interested in collecting radios and joined the NVRS. Like many of us, he started out collecting classic plastic radios from the 1930’s – 1950’s. With time, plastic and Bakelite gave way to Plaskon, Catalin, and wood radios of the same period.

Some members will remember Rick's "trunk sales." Rick often came to the meetings with his car trunk filled with plastic radios for sale. Rick was a great negotiator but was always willing to share a good deal. Often his generosity led him to resell a radio he found for what he paid for it. And sometimes he would even let it go for less than that.

For many years Rick was a faithful attendee at the NVRS swap meets. He could be counted on to volunteer to come early and set up tables and chairs and stay late for tear down. Frequently, even after everyone else was gone, Rick and a friend or two could be seen hanging out talking radios and family.

Rick was the best friend a guy could have. He remembered what radios people liked and often he would come back with a special "find" for someone when he went out on his many adventures. He also kept a close watch on eBay, Craig's list, and other venues and could be counted on to give a heads up when something showed up that might be of interest to a friend.

Through his efforts, Rick built an impressive collection of plastic radios, often times with minimal outlay. His prizes included Garod and RCA Catalins and a Philco boomerang radio in perfect shape - all found for less than \$100 each! And, as his tastes grew to include wooden radios, great sets like Zenith tombstones also came his way.

Rick was a fixture at the Wednesday evening WRNO (Wednesday Radio Night Out) meetings that were held at Blake's house. Rick was always one of the first to gather at the garage door at 7:00 and one of the last to leave. With his gentle, charitable, demeanor,

everyone looked forward to seeing Rick each Wednesday. And, by encouraging friends such as Tom to attend, he contributed to the WRNO's growth from a just a few folks to over 40 at its peak.

Rick almost always brought along an interesting, colored plastic radio to share with group.

Rick's friends marvel at his ability to live in the moment and see a silver lining in every experience. He really loved being part of the NVRS and the many close friends that he made there. Rick was always a gentleman and brought a bit more light into the room when he walked in. We will all miss him.

Re: passing of members

By Hubert Miller

I spent most of my years as a collector - enthusiast living in the Seattle area and belonging to PSARA. I wish now I had learned about PSARA earlier and joined earlier. My opinion is that the meets at the Ronald School at No. 175th street were the absolute high point of my memories of the club. I knew some of the first generation, the founders, who are now all gone, I believe. I often thought, there should be some kind of booklet, record, digital file, or some such with some words about the person and their photo. Unfortunately probably no one has photos of the founding generation of PSARA. I have a lots and lots or must - accomplish tasks before other projects....still, I wonder. These people deserve to be remembered, memorialized, I think. There are some stories, not necessarily bad stories, but funny or picaresque stores that can now be told without anyone feeling disrespected, stories that only two or only maybe one person now knows... Anyway, just my various thoughts...occasioned by a recent NWVRS post...

Radiolaguy's Monthly Showcase

By Sonny Clutter

C. E. "Sonny" Clutter; AKA: the RadiolaGuy

Web Site: <http://www.radiolaguy.com> Email: radiolaguy@outlook.com

Silvertone radio model 6110 (chassis 101.521)

aka: the *Locomotive*; *Vacuum Cleaner*; *Rocket*. ca: 1938



"Designed for modern people living in the modern world"

[http://www.radiolaguy.com/Showcase/RadiolaguyMonthlyFeature_Dec20-\(REF\).htm](http://www.radiolaguy.com/Showcase/RadiolaguyMonthlyFeature_Dec20-(REF).htm)

Swap Shop

Ads are free and can be permanent, or 3-month, with an asterisk added each month for tracking. Contact editor to extend.

Please contact the following members to be trained in Radio Repair:

Jan and Glenn Anderson	425 750 7600	Longview
Bruce Baur	503 708-4537	Milwaukee
Blake Dietze	360 944-7172	Vancouver
Mike McCrow	503 730-4639	Aloha
Ed Tompkins	360 573-3895	Vancouver

WANTED: Radios made in Oregon. I do have some to trade. Thanks in advance. Dick Howard (503) 775-6697 dhoward27@comcast.net

FOR SALE: B.F. Goodrich Model R459 AM + SW (big console) \$20
Call Robbie Robinson 503 810 0565 ***

I have two radios for sale: A Philco Model 20 Table Top for \$70 and a Silvertone Model 6074 1930 Tabletop \$50. Have a good day. Call Robbie Robinson 503 810 0565

For Sale: Various radio chassis' including Philco 20, 60, and 90 and misc. others, many with full complement of tubes. Also well-made home brew and 2 armature speakers with possible good drivers. Home brew \$25, any chassis \$20, speaker \$5 each. Everything pictured for \$60 but must take all. Located in Mt. Angel, OR. Ray Nelson 503 845-2897 **



FOR SALE: Hammarlund HQ-180 general coverage short wave receiver, 18 tube triple conversion. Plays well on all bands and in excellent condition. Asking \$165.00 or best offer. Ray Nelson 503 845-2897 <radioray39@gmail.com> ***

1,500 45 RPM records for sale. A lot of late 1950's and early 1960's Doo Wop records. \$300.00 for all. Electronically restored General Motors model 140 console radio. Very beautiful cabinet. \$300.00 - Steve K. (541) 388-9978 ** ➔



There are 3 pieces of equipment that I am hoping to find in the local area:

General Radio Standard Signal Generator, Type 805

Hallicrafters SX-12 Commercial Skyriders

Hallicrafters, S-37 (or S-27/C, S-27/CA)

Jeff Quay jeff_quay@hotmail.com **

WANTED: Austrian Minerva receiver model 388 made in 1937-1938. The model number should be on the center column on the front bakelite housing below the magic eye but if missing will be stamped on the back. Bob Krassa bob@krassa.com or call 303-475-2824. Thanks! (Member of the Colorado Radio Collectors Antique Radio Club) ***

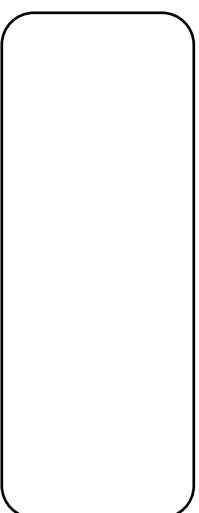
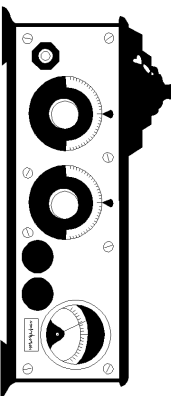
WANTED: I need the cable that plugs into the 6 pin male receptacle in the right picture. I also need the schematic for this unit. I have very little information about this unit except it will operate from household current or from a 6-volt source in an automobile. I would like to restore this unit and make it operational. Raymond Holland,



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